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RESEARCH ON FOOD PRODUCTS FOR JAWANS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) has made research in production of protein rich food for the Jawans posted in remote parts of the country;

(b) if so, the types of various food products developed by the DRDO from 2006-07 onwards;

(c) the details of various food production units existing in various parts of the country as on date; and

(d) the funds allocated for such research work to DRDO during 2006-07 and 2007-08?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) Yes, Sir. Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL), a laboratory of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) located at Mysore, has developed protein rich food products for Jawans posted in remote parts of the country.

(b) Types of various food products developed by DRDO from 2006-2007 onwards are:

Protein rich instant Pulav (17.2% protein).
Protein rich instant Khichdi (18.8% protein).
Protein rich instant Upma (16% protein).
Protein rich instant Sooji Halwa 8.5% protein).

(c) Technology for production of protein rich product "Nutri Food Bar" (protein 16%) has been transferred to M/s Yamuna Roller Flour Mills, Trichur, Kerala and M/s India Sweet Co., Chennai, whereas, technology for production of "Egg protein rich biscuits" (protein 20%) has been transferred to M/s Oster Foods Pvt. Ltd., Trichur, Kerala.

(d) A total of Rs.15 lakhs was allocated during 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 for the research work on production of protein rich food.